

Chidlow Progress Association Inc. (Est 1897)



Connecting Chidlow's Community



ANNUAL REPORT 2020



VISION:
Connecting Chidlow's Community.

MISSION STATEMENT

Progressing Chidlow's future while maintaining a cultural, historical and environmental heritage for the benefit of the wider community.

COMMITTEE 2019 - 2020

Current Committee: *(as at June 2020)*

President	- Janette Edwards
Joint Vice Presidents	- Susan Gill & Jo Hallam
Treasurer	- Peter Hackett
Secretary	- Zoe Hemsted
Grants Coordinator	- Susan Gill
Film Nights, Hall Bookings, Insurance	- Kim Graham
Markets	- Abbie Connell
Communications/Media	- Laraine Savage-Morton (<i>née McClelland</i>)
Project Manager	- Eric Postmus
RSL representatives	- Fran Berry & Ian Johnstone

Special Projects:

Aesthetics Group	- Emmanuelle Daw
Community Garden Group	- Greg Hedley
Chidlow Basketball/Netball & Tennis Courts	- Janette Edwards
Chidlow Skate Park Group	- Katie Erceg

General:

- Bill Scrivener

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CHIDLOW FILM CLUB
SHOWING AT THE CHIDLOW HALL
SATURDAY 10TH AUGUST 2019

INDIAN CURRY NIGHT!

Please bring a savoury or dessert dish to share & BYO drinks

THE BEST EXOTIC MARIGOLD HOTEL
(2011) 2 hr 4 min. Rated M. Drama/Comedy
Writers: Ol Parker (Screenplay), Deborah Moggach (Novel)
Stars: Judi Dench, Bill Nighy, Penelope Wilton, Dev Patel, Celia Imrie

SYNOPSIS:
British retirees travel to India to take up residence in what they believe is a newly restored hotel. Less luxurious than advertised, the Marigold Hotel nevertheless slowly begins to charm in unexpected ways.

Doors will open for dinner at 6pm
MOVIE to begin 7.30pm

FREE ENTRY TO "FRIENDS OF THE HALL"
(\$30 PER PERSON FOR THE SEASON JUL19/JUN20)
GUESTS MAY BE SIGNED IN (\$5 PER LIGHT SUPPER AVAILABLE)

Chidlow Hall
Market day
3RD SATURDAY OF THE MONTH FEB-NOV

COME ALONG AND SUPPORT LOCAL ARTISANS
CONTACT ABBIE FOR MORE INFORMATION AND STALL BOOKINGS
EMAIL: CHIDLOWHALLMARKETDAY@HOTMAIL.COM
MOBILE: 0403665247
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CHIDLOW FILM CLUB
SHOWING AT THE CHIDLOW HALL
SATURDAY
11TH JANUARY 2020
THE GODS MUST BE CRAZY

THE GODS MUST BE CRAZY
Indie Film/Action
Director: Jamie Uys
Writer: Jamie Uys
Stars: Nkomo, Marius Weyers, Sandra Prinsloo

SYNOPSIS:
A Coca-Cola bottle dropped from an airplane raises havoc among a normally peaceful tribe of African bushmen who believe it to be a utensil of the gods.

DOORS OPEN 7PM FOR 7.30PM FILM START (PROMPTLY)
FREE ENTRY TO "FRIENDS OF THE HALL" MEMBERS
(\$30 PER PERSON FOR THE SEASON JUL19/JUN20)
ASK KIM ON EMAIL: qathelet-kim@westnet.com.au
GUESTS MAY BE SIGNED IN (\$5 DONATION TO CHIDLOW HALL MAINTENANCE)
LIGHT SUPPER AVAILABLE. FOR GOLD COIN DONATION AT INTERMISSION

LE GRAND BAL DE CHIDLOW
TRADITIONAL FOLK DANCING
SUNDAY 15 September, 2019 5 - 9 pm
OLD CHIDLOW HALL
OLD NORTHAM ROAD, CHIDLOW

We are a family who love folk dancing as in the French folk balls, with live music and a good spirit of community and friendship. We aim to reproduce this atmosphere here in Chidlow! It is meant to bring joy and happiness through the simple means of music and dance.

Beginners, families, singles, couples, all welcome! Casual dress

5 to 6.30pm : practice of dances/music
6.30 to 7.30 : shared meal
(bring a vegetarian plate and your own reusable dishes)
7.30 to 9.00 : dancing (Alcohol Free Event)

Any musician wanting to play alongside the accordion would be most welcome (acoustic only).
(We are not professional dance teachers or musicians, but enthusiasts!)

Dances are : Bourree, Branle, Cercle Circassien, Chapeloise, Gavotte, Mazurka, Polka, Scottish, Valse, etc...

\$5 PER PERSON
(free for children under 16)
All profits are for the Chidlow Hall and the Chidlow Community Garden
NO BOOKINGS REQUIRED

For any questions, phone Emmanuelle on 0490 338 254
or Email on Emmanuelledaw@hotmail.com

President's Overview



The Chidlow Progress Association (CPA) has continued to serve the local community of Chidlow in 2019/2020 as it has in the past – *with commitment and enthusiasm.*

The ongoing care and fundraising for the Hall has been supported by the Chidlow Markets, FRIENDS OF THE HALL, Film Club and Community Garden run by our committees and dedicated volunteers. The continued utilisation and hiring of the Hall by the community is encouraging. Among the various projects that have been undertaken in the Hall with the assistance of grants and fundraising are lights, fans, external power and under-stage storage, completed using local businesses.

Never without challenges, this year we have had a few changes to our committee.

I would like to thank Beverley Beaumont-Ford for her many years as our Treasurer and Peter Hackett for stepping up as Treasurer in her place. Laraine Savage-Morton has been our dedicated Communications committee member for several years has decided to hand over the baton to the next person. Thank you, Laraine, for your wonderful work and wordsmithing. This report is evidence of your fantastic work. We are also looking for a Grants Officer and someone to handle the Hall insurance. Thank you to Ian Johnstone for being the RSL representative until recently and for the work you did to update our constitution.

The real backbone to the CPA this year has been Zoe Hemsted, our fantastic Secretary. I cannot express enough the gratitude I have for her commitment, tenacity and support she has provided to us all. *Zoe, you are a legend!*

The CPA has had an interrupted year with COVID-19 impacting our events and fundraising, *ie* the cancellation of the ANZAC service, our morning tea and membership drive. Despite this, our dedicated committees, members and volunteers never stopped working behind-the-scenes to advocate for the community, to seek further ways of fundraising, and attract new members and volunteers to keep the CPA going.

There has been ongoing work to revamp the website and increase the utilisation of our Chidlow matters... Facebook page to promote community events, activities, and businesses. *Thank you to the team that has been putting this together.*

The bad weather that threatened the 2019 Chidlow Christmas Carols made it look like a possible washout. Crowd numbers were impacted due to the weather, however, those who did attend were treated to wonderful performances from local artists and variety club choir. We were pleased to have a Welcome to Country ceremony as well. This event was only able to go ahead due to our sponsors, volunteers, and the grant from the Shire of Mundaring.

Any expectation that Carols on the Green will become an annual event is highly unlikely without other community members stepping forward to volunteer.

I would like to thank all CPA members and FRIENDS OF THE HALL for their ongoing support and service to the community. I would especially like to thank the wonderful past and present committee members who dedicated their time and effort to our association and hope that we build on our legacy of 123 years of service.

Janette Edwards

Note from the Vice-President...

The 2019/2020 year has not been without its challenges. Although it started well with our new President, Syd Bignell, at the helm, only after a few months we needed a new President as Syd decided to move out of the area. Luckily Janette Edwards put up her hand and stepped into the role. She has a wealth of experience, is a very good public speaker and is an asset to the CPA.



The year has seen more improvements to the Hall including ceiling fans and outside lighting. We have applied for a grant for some kitchen renovations and they will go ahead once it is received.

Our Carols on the Green and Christmas Markets were well attended by locals but numbers were down due to the poor weather. This event is not without its own problems – costly to stage, difficult to get enough volunteers and, of course, the COVID-19 health crisis – which led to the decision not to run the event in 2020.

So as we moved into the new year it was evident that 2020 was not going to be easy. We have had to halt all activities at the Hall and organised to conduct meetings online. We know we will work through this difficult time and also know that our community is strong enough to work together to

get through the crisis and keep each other as safe as we can.

We have a good team on the committee and will be there at the end of the phone or email to talk over residents' concerns. *I can't wait to get back to normal!*

Jo Hallam

From your new Treasurer, Peter Hackett...

It has been an interesting year yet again. Regrettably, our former Treasurer of many years, Bev Beaumont-Ford, was forced to resign due to health issues and as a retiring treasurer from another national not-for-profit association, I thought it appropriate to step up.



Although our AGM was deferred due to COVID-19 regulations, my financial report was ready at the end of May which is our traditional time of reporting.

Suffice to say it has been a busy period with upgrades to the 'air conditioning' (*ceiling fans installed*) and outside lighting. Again our Chidlow-based electrical contractors delivered the goods. Hall hire has been consistent and coupled with a grant from the Shire of Mundaring the 2019 Carols was well received. And, of course, the markets have provided a steady income stream.

A big thank you to our faithful promoters.

Peter Hackett

Coordinator's Reports

Hall Activities/Bookings

Our lovely old Hall has been utilised well over the last 12 months, We've seen our usual groups gathering on: Wednesday afternoon/evenings with Tarja for Yoga, Thursday morning with Kat for Pilates, and on each Saturday with Storme doing her sound therapy. Please pop along to one of their awesome sessions and see what's on offer.

Our wonderful locals have hired the facility for birthday parties, church services, spinning group and the Australian Time Trial Association (ATTA) meet at the Hall during their rides.

The Chidlow Hall is also the headquarters of the Chidlow Cats Basketball Club and the Chidlow & District RSL Sub-Branch.

If you've considered hiring our great facility, please contact us for prices and availability. We can also offer you a very reasonable rate on hiring tables, chairs or crockery. Contact Teresa or Neil on 9572 4120 or E: chidlowpost@westnet.com.au for any enquiries.

Film Club

Chidlow Film Club gives free entry to FRIENDS OF THE HALL members. It is a way for the CPA to say thank you for your financial support of the Hall. Running now for six years, Film Club has proven to be a popular event in village life, bringing past and present residents, as well as visitors and friends, together.



The program is put together from member suggestions and covers a wide range of genres – comedy, foreign, musicals, drama, arthouse, documentary – of which highlights this year include *The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel*, *Nowhere in Africa* and *The Gods Must be Crazy*.

This year we offered a new bi-monthly program of dinner & film nights, which ran on the second Saturday of the months: August, October, December, February, April and June. These nights are a fantastic way to socialise and lots of fun. This format is continuing into 2021.

For more information on the Film Club, or if you would like to be included on the film notification email list, please contact Kim Graham M: 0433 570 733.

FRIENDS OF THE HALL Sponsorship

This sponsorship is very important in assisting the CPA with the upkeep of the Chidlow Hall which is used weekly for fitness classes, spiritual/well-being workshops, and throughout the year for folk-dancing, film club and market days.

The CPA has been responsible for the care and maintenance of the Chidlow Hall since 2014. Originally built by the community, the Hall is part of the village identity and it is fantastic to see it being used by residents and visitors to Chidlow. Other groups and clubs (e.g. *RSL*, *Chidlow Cats*) also use the Hall for their meetings.

The financial support that is provided through the FRIENDS OF THE HALL membership goes to pay for necessary outgoings such as electricity, water and insurance. This allows the CPA to focus their fund-raising efforts on upgrades to the Hall and other rewarding community projects and activities: Skate Park Project for our youth, the Community Garden.

Membership runs July-June each year but financial contributions can be given at any time and are appreciated so much. To give your support, see Neil and/or Teresa (*Chidlow Post Office*), Kim on any Film Night or Abbie on Market Day. Details can also be provided for direct debit via Bendigo Bank.

Membership offers free access to film nights and reduced fees for market stallholders.

Chidlow Hall Markets

Our seventh year and the Chidlow Hall Market Day is thriving like never before! The friendliest little market in the hills happens every third Saturday of the month at the Chidlow Hall. The markets have grown and flourished with the introduction of new stalls at every market attracting visitors from all over Perth.

Our added lawn games and seating areas have been a huge hit with our visitors with some families staying for numerous hours to enjoy a picnic or catch-up. In addition, many local communities have been conducting fundraisers at the markets for their local causes with fantastic success.

The 2019 Carols on the Green and markets event was an amazing success seeing an increase in stall holders from 2018 and some great feedback from visitors. The new addition of ceiling fans and outdoor flood lights meant we have been able to run the twilight markets for longer and inside the Hall is nice and cool.

Unfortunately our eighth year has been affected due to COVID-19, but as soon as normal practices resume, we will be back.

Communications

Our column, *Chidlow matters...* in the Chidlow Chatter every month has become an excellent conduit for the reporting of not only Hall maintenance and improvements, but also of changes in the Committee, and for Notices of Meetings/Busy Bees.

It also is the place to go to read about the regular activities in the Hall, ie Yoga, Pilates, Film Nights, Market Days, as well as any up-and-coming special events held throughout the year: ANZAC Morning Tea, Carols on the Green, Le Grand Bal to name a few.

Those activities are outlined in more detail on our Facebook page, *Chidlow matters...* on the Market Day Facebook page and soon to be on our upgraded website. A sub-committee was formed last year to work on this project and progress has been continuing well since then. The website has been established but is still a work-in-progress while it is being filled with meaningful and up-to-date content. Once completed it will be launched through our *Chidlow matters...*

Special Projects

Chidlow Beautification

Last year we continued re-vegetation along the old railway track on the west side of the village green. The weeds are monitored and dealt with by the Shire bush care team or locals. The community involvement was joyful and the usual shared tea by the fire was enjoyed by all! We are hoping to continue with this project, slowly but surely.

Fundraising

We held two fundraising folk-dancing nights during the year which attracts people from far and wide and brings life to our dear old Hall. It is growing in popularity as usually around 30 people attend, however, this last event saw a turn up of 45 people with many others wanting to come but could not make it on that night. The amount raised is shared between the Hall and Community Garden.



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Community Garden

COVID-19 health restrictions may have halted garden activities but we are still 'greening'. Throughout the year fencing assemblies were built and installed, and 40 m of chain-link fencing erected. The Shire of Mundaring constructed a ferrocrete pad for the wagons. They have been assessed and have had a building permit issued. A Shire grant was received which allowed the purchase of paint and Formply for the wagons, which will be transported by a Gidgegannup truck driver once fencing is completed.



We hired JWA Contractors who found optic cable under the garden. Initiatives to allow Section 95 prisoners to work on site have been made. Fundraising has been steady with raffles, stalls and folk dancing events held during the year. Donations have included garden beds, compostable pots, baths, chain mesh and ring-lock fencing as well as labour.

The Water Corporation was prepared to provide a water connection but at an exorbitant cost. This led us to ask for community rebates from them and for Shire contributions and, as both were unsuccessful, our water plan was deferred. Other water sources were explored, but, in the interim, the Shire arranged for the Water Corporation to connect water to the garden - *for which we are grateful.*

Chidlow Cats Basketball Club

The CPA is proud to have provided the support and advocacy to resurface the local courts and was pleased when a grant through AUSports was secured to finance the project. Delays due to weather and resources has moved the completion date from March to June 2020.



Thank you to the Chidlow Cats Basketball Club for your work and dedication. The CPA is proud to have supported this project and is ecstatic to know that our community will have access to wonderful outdoor facilities due to this community effort.

Chidlow Skate Park

The Chidlow Skate Park Project is set to go ahead in the new financial year with \$150,000 of Federal funding to go with the Shire of Mundaring (Shire) funding of \$150,000. Unfortunately the State Community Sport & Recreation Facilities Fund (CSRFF) application was unsuccessful.

The project took off in 2018 through a dedicated group of local mothers and in 2019 with the backing of the CPA, we took the matter to council at the Shire. The project was approved and added to the Shire's long term financial recreation plan.

It was decided in mid-2019 that due to the mass scale of the project, the Shire would take over the planning and build of the skate park and that we as community members, along with the CPA – would support the Shire in any aspect they require to get this project completed.



The Shire has undertaken a feature survey but are yet to review this. Once they do, they will have further discussions on any preliminary ground works.

It is intended to commence a public tender process in the new financial year to have a design process with community input before building – *hopefully all within the 2020/21 financial year.*

Lots of community support through fundraising and more than 700 signatures helped make this project a success. *Watch this space for more up to date news...*

Photo: Courtesy of The Echo

Connecting...



Your Committee



Janette Edwards - President

Janette Edwards has been a member of the Chidlow community for more than 14 years and could not think of living anywhere else. Captivated by the wonderful work the CPA has done for more than a century she was drawn to helping in any capacity she could. Janette has a background in business and management in both the private and public sectors and hopes to bring these strengths to the CPA.

Guided by the wonderful example of service to the community by her parents, she hopes to pass on this legacy to her own children who have moved into the area. She is encouraged to see this is occurring.



Joanna Hallam - Joint Vice-President

Joanna is Senior Sales consultant for Real Estate Plus, Chidlow and was Joint Proprietor with her husband, Mark, of The Lakes Roadhouse for more than 20 years.

I was a Veterinary Nurse at Wattle Grove Veterinary Hospital and head nurse for four years. I am the proud parent of two grown up children.



Susan Gill - Joint Vice-President and Grants Officer

Susan offers extensive experience in public relations, destination marketing and place making, having led the Communications and Place Activation for some of the State's most significant redevelopment and tourism projects over the last 15 years. Passionate about collaboration and community engagement, Susan is an enthusiastic member of several local community boards and committees that are working to make the hills community a more vibrant and active place to live, work and visit.

In my spare time, I enjoy riding and working with my horses on our property in Chidlow and enjoying the relaxed hills lifestyle with my husband, Matt.



Peter Hackett- Treasurer

Peter has been a Director of the Mundaring Bendigo Community Bank since 2010, is a semi-retired electronics technician and worked for Marconi Space and Defence Systems in the UK before emigrating to Kalgoorlie in 1981, to work for the Western Mining Corporation. Self-employed since 1991, Peter's business employs two staff working in the communications and electronics field.

His interests are varied and include the Variety Club Charity Bash, the Chidlow Hall and Heritage Group and the Volunteer Bush Fire Brigades in Wooroloo and Inkpen. He also plays bass guitar in a number of local bands including the Chidlow All Stars.



Zoe Hemsted - Secretary

A resident of Chidlow for more than 14 years, Zoe is the mother of four children. She has been involved in numerous volunteer organisations in the hills area and has previous experience in administration.



Kim Graham - Film Club, FRIENDS OF THE HALL, Insurance

Kim has a background in business development and business management, with experience working in private industry for small and large organisations. Always with a strong community focus, Kim enjoys contributing to activities and projects that promote the well-being of residents and improve village life. She is a film enthusiast and is passionate about pastry and bread. Kim has worked on the Chidlow Progress Association Committee since 2011. Her current areas of responsibility include FRIENDS OF THE HALL membership and FILM CLUB. She has been assisting with Insurance matters whilst the CPA waits to appoint a dedicated Officer.

Teresa Hartnell – Hall Bookings

Teresa is our local Chidlow Postmistress. She has lived in our town since 2000 and is raising her family with her husband Neil in our great community. She has actively contributed on the Chidlow Playgroup & Kindy, Chidlow PS P & C and Chidlow Netball Club committees, holding many executive roles. Although running the family business is a time-consuming task, Teresa proudly contributes a small amount of time to take Hall bookings for the CPA. Teresa loves gardening and relaxing with friends and family.



Abbie Connell - Chidlow Hall Market Day Coordinator

Abbie has lived in Chidlow all her life. Her role within the CPA since July 2018 is the coordination and organisation of the Chidlow Hall Market Day.

As a regular stall holder, I have knowledge of how other markets around Perth are run and what organisers do to get the best out of each market day. My goal is to listen to the community, heed what they want to see within the market scene and do my best to deliver at each market. I would love to see more locals visit the markets and would love to see more small hobby businesses expand.



Laraine McClelland BA(Eng)(Curtin) - Communications/Media.

Laraine graduated in 1996 with a double major in Creative Writing and Journalism and in 1999 joined the Curtin Communications and Public Relations (*Publications*) department where she worked as a writer for 13 years on the university's varied publications including newspapers (*printed and online*), prospectuses, research magazines, brochures as well as many corporate flyers. She has been on the CPA committee since 2015.

I started working at Curtin in 1993 but when I joined the publications team in 1999, I really found my niche as I learnt so much about various writing styles as well as marketing and publishing. I retired in 2011 and in 2012 we moved to Chidlow. I enjoy living in such a peaceful area and feeling part of a community.



Erik Postmus – Project Manager

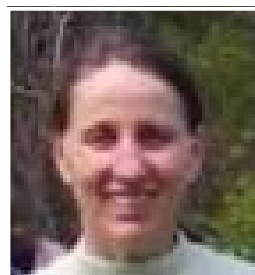
Erik has been running a Consultant Quantity Surveying practice in Chidlow since 1996 and has lived in Chidlow since 1977. He has an interest in the history of the Chidlow railway station and created a model of the station for the Chidlow Centenary celebrations in 1983. He also recently created 3D images and a video for exhibition on ANZAC Day 2019. Erik enjoys being part of the Chidlow community with its friendly village atmosphere.



Emmanuelle Daw - Chidlow Aesthetics

Emmanuelle is of a horticulturist background, and from an area in France where all villages are kept beautiful as a local tradition. She has lived in Chidlow for more than 15 years and loves looking after our native bush.

I am passionate about gardening and started a group called Chidlow Beautification which looks at planting and weeding neglected areas within Chidlow town site and reserves. I can offer advice on how to keep your road-side or property free of weeds, how to get involved with local Friends of Reserves, and invite you to become part of the Chidlow Beautification group to help our town become a prettier place to live in!



Greg Hedley - Community Garden Group

Greg has worked in the natural resource management area for more than 33 years since gaining horticultural qualifications from TAFE. He ran his own landscape design and construction business in the hills, has worked across WA in various landscape fields and recently completed a BSc in Conservation Biology and Botany.

He and his wife Linda have lived in Chidlow since 1988 and they have two daughters and two grandchildren.





Janette Edwards - Chidlow Basketball/Netball and Tennis Courts

Janette represents the needs of local sporting clubs, especially the Chidlow basketball/netball and tennis courts. She has a background in business and management in both the private and public sectors and is an active committee member in Mundaring Toastmasters and the Chidlow Cats Basketball Club.

Janette has been a resident of Chidlow since 2007, with her children and grandchildren following her into the community.

I am interested in serving the Chidlow community with a focus on my passion in leadership and youth sport.



Kate Erceg - Skate Park representative

Katie is a mother of four children who moved to Chidlow in 2011 for a nice, quiet upbringing for her family. She has a background in events and hospitality and has also done some Youth Work studies that she hopes to be able to use in the future.

I have taken on the role of Chairperson for the Chidlow Skate Park Committee and have been working hard alongside a great bunch of mothers, the CPA and the Shire of Mundaring to make the skate park a reality.



Their roles...

President

To preside over all general meetings pertaining to governance and ruling with a casting vote.

Vice-President

The Vice-President assists the President by taking on some of the tasks, attending events and chairing meetings when the President is absent. Liaising with the public and media regarding local issues as well as making decisions with the committee members is an important part of this role.

Treasurer

This role is fundamentally keeping good financial records, administering the CPA membership and assisting in the application of grants.

Secretary

The Secretary attends committee meetings, compiles the agenda, takes the minutes of those meetings, distributes agenda and minutes to members, writes correspondence as and when required; and is also responsible for the storing and retrieval of records as well as administering the Facebook page and monitoring the CPA email account.

Grants Coordinator

Responsible for identifying and applying for grants to support the Chidlow Progress Association's fundraising efforts. Grants are used to perform Chidlow Hall upgrade and conservation works, purchase equipment and fund other community initiatives, events and projects. The Grants Coordinator supports Sub-Committee leaders by helping to identify, provide assistance and review the grant applications they apply for if required e.g. Community Garden, Skate Park, Chidlow Basketball and Tennis Courts.

Hall Bookings

Hall Bookings Officer is the first point of call for enquiries on hiring the Chidlow Hall. This involves confirming availability, processing booking applications and taking payment for Hall hire.

W.O. (Bill) Scrivener - General Committee

Bill is a long-time resident of Chidlow and has many amusing stories to tell. His tireless work on behalf of the CPA to get the ANZAC memorial built led to the instigation of the Chidlow & District RSL Sub-Branch of which he can be proud. Bill was the President of the RSL for its inaugural year.

Credit for the success we have achieved is due to the support of the community.



Fran Berry - RSL Representative

Since the inception of her corporate training company, Alive & Kicking Solutions, more than twenty years ago, Fran has implemented her programs nationally and internationally. These programs help personnel, at all levels, to communicate effectively and increase customer and employee satisfaction.

A director with four businesses, Fran has spent the majority of her 34 year business and consulting career working with service and sales teams, from front-line staff to executives, helping them to implement powerful communication strategies.

I love to work but change the pace at the weekend with the regulars over a cold drink at our tavern in Chidlow.



Insurance Coordinator

The Insurance Coordinator is responsible for obtaining quotes and providing a summary to the CPA committee for evaluation and selection by the committee for the year's coverage. The coordinator also acts as liaison with the insurance broker for any queries concerning our coverage of the Hall, associates, volunteers and hirers.

Film Club Organiser

This role is responsible for screening films. It involves maintaining membership records and appropriate registrations, developing a film program with club members for the year, advertising films and setting up the hall for film nights.

Market Day Organiser

As coordinator and organiser of the market days, this role includes marketing (*information being posted on various websites*), insurance, liaising with the Shire of Mundaring on costs, rules and regulations, setting up and responding to the needs of the stallholders and the public.

Communications Officer

The Communications Officer role is varied and responsive to any media or writing duties required by the committee such as profiling any CPA events and promoting improvements and activities within Chidlow and the wider community. This includes community and local media exposure, both printed and online.

Project Manager

The role of the project manager is to plan, budget, oversee, document, coordinate and supervise projects instigated and run by the CPA including Hall refurbishment and maintenance and also on other projects not run by others.

General committee

The CPA is fortunate to have as part of our General Committee members who are responsible for some special projects to which they bring their own specific experience and passion. Some of these are unplanned, ie urgent maintenance work to the hall, reviewing documentation.



Chidlow & District RSL Sub-Branch

During 2019, the members continued to grow and develop the regular services, and the last year has seen the memorial site mature into a beautiful centrepiece for the Chidlow community. Our pencil pines are growing tall and strong, the rosemary bushes are maturing into a beautiful border around the memorial, and the environment is being kept tidy by our members and the Chidlow locals.

Three successful services were proudly presented, and attended, by an ever growing number of community members.

ANZAC Day – Thursday, 25 April, 2019

Vietnam Veterans Day – Sunday, 18 August, 2019

Remembrance Day – Monday, 11 November, 2019

Our focus for the year was to sustain and grow our membership and welfare programs which we achieved. More and more veterans are coming to the Chidlow Sub-Branch, and are helping to establish this RSL for the future. Social Membership has been initiated to increase members.

Our focus for 2020 is to support our members and their families through challenging times. The RSL is committed to supporting its members with welfare funds and supportive services and we remain steadfast in that endeavour.

If you, or anyone you know, is interested in joining, please contact our Chidlow & District RSL

President: Ian Johnstone, E: ijoh.4119@bigpond.com / M: 0413 746 405.

Or the Vice-President: Fran Berry, E: fran@aliveandkicking.com.au / M: 0417 530 500.

Chidlow Fire Brigade... *always helping others*

How can we expect others to help us if we don't help them? Those words were said to Mrs Angeline Clapp by her 12 yr old son at the time and was what inspired her to join the Chidlow Fire Brigade.

In fact, Angeline and two other volunteers, Peter Nix and Jarrad Barry, put their own lives on hold last year to help fight the devastating bush fires that spread throughout our eastern states. Those fires left no Australian in doubt as to how quickly our bush can become a raging out-of-control inferno.

The images from hell that we saw every day also left us in no doubt that those men and women who fight those bush fires, are very brave indeed.

Angeline fought in the 2014 Parkerville fires and recalled that 'at one point it was very dangerous' as they couldn't rely on extra help to get out of a situation... 'but our training and experience saved us.' As I'm sure it did many others during that awful time.

That Chidlow has escaped such raging fires is in no small way due to the fact that we have our own fire station ready to spring into action as soon as the alert goes out for anywhere in the Shire.

The loss of life, place and extraordinary number of wildlife last year was tragic and sad – as it is during any bush fire. We can only be inspired by those bandage-and-blanket wielding good samaritans giving life-saving solace to the koalas, kangaroos and numerous other animals and birds while, at the same time, giving us hope for the future of our wildlife.

And while we're enjoying the winter rain and the re-greening of our bush and trees, which have stopped the seemingly never-ending dropping of leaves, we need to remember the blackened images of the aftermath of those bush fires and do all we can to prevent such a tragedy occurring in our own community in the future.

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